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Sent: Wednesday, November 27, 2019 12:07 PM
To: Kurt Eggebrecht <kurt.eggebrecht@appleton.org>
Subject: Re: Appleton City Ban on Conversion Therapy

Hi Kurt,

Just to keep you in the loop, I have since received an email from one of the sponsors of the Appleton Conversion Therapy proposed ban. Please note that there have been over 100 members of area churches that will be opposing this ban. You are not alone in standing with us if you oppose this ban in it's current state. Thanks so much for hearing our concerns.

The sponsors response to me is below:

<<Sorry for the delay in getting back to you on this. As far as talk therapy and specifying what can or can't be practiced, we do draw a line in the resolution. We don't ban the topics of identity or orientation from being discussed in counselling. [Where we put the line down is when the therapist seeks to change their patient's orientation or identity.](#) The first "furthermore" paragraph in the resolution describes what is in and out of bounds in more detail.>>

My response back to the sponsor of the ban is below:

No problem with the delay. I know you are busy. I do realize you are one of the co-sponsors of the proposed ban and hope you know whatever the results of this, I still respect you as a person and just know that we have different "world views". I'm one of those that can separate politics and friendships. They are not mutually exclusive.

With that said, I do think the ban is too broad as it is currently written and feel it is being driven by the LGBTQ agenda which I do not agree with. This is a parental rights issue and freedom of speech issue in my opinion. Children are not wards of the "state". They are fully the responsibility of the parents. It is clearly a stretch to call it child abuse for a parent to try to get their confused child help in regard to their sexuality. These children are bombarded with the LGBTQ agenda continuously at every level of our society and are one of the main causes for some children's confusion. So first they confuse the children with too explicit sex education, discussing all different forms of sexual practices, then tell them it's ok for them to experiment, then wonder why some might think they are gay, bi, or trans. Once they confuse them, now they want to deny them access to loving, compassionate, kind hearted talk therapy. THAT is child abuse in my opinion.

We can agree to disagree on this, but I will continue to oppose this ban in it's current state. It is semantics to say the ban allows Talk Therapy, just not changing the patient's orientation or identity. You call it orientation or identity, I call it confusion and/or brain washing by a misguided society and an agenda driven LGBTQ community.>>

Mark J. Isaac

On Mon, Nov 25, 2019 at 11:19 AM Kurt Eggebrecht <kurt.eggebrecht@appleton.org> wrote:

Ok this will be attached to the Board of Health agenda for our December 11 meeting. All Council members have access to this packet of materials. The BOH meets at 7am in room 6A of the City center located at 100 N. Appleton Street.

Thanks,

Kurt

From: Mark & Jane Isaac [mailto:isaacmj7@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, November 25, 2019 11:16 AM
To: Kurt Eggebrecht <kurt.eggebrecht@appleton.org>
Subject: Re: Appleton City Ban on Conversion Therapy

Morning Kurt,

Yes please do forward this on to the appropriate council members who may have a vote on this. Both the board of health council and the entire council, along with the major.

I believe this proposed ban is too far reaching and unnecessary. If there are particular practices that need to be banned, let us reason together as a community and ban those particular practices, but not ALL counselling or therapy in is regard. There are many children that are simply confused and need help regarding their sexuality. Please don't leave these children without help or council. They need loving, compassionate, kindhearted counselling and therapy. They could make bad decisions without that help and counsel that may leave then depressed, lonely, and suicidal. Please don't cut off access to the only help they may have.

Thank you so much,

Mark J. Isaac

On Mon, Nov 25, 2019, 8:13 AM Kurt Eggebrecht <kurt.eggebrecht@appleton.org> wrote:

Thank you for your email. Please understand as a staff of the health department we do not vote on resolutions or any action items for that matter.

I will however forward this on the Board of Health members if you desire.

Thanks,

Kurt

From: Mark & Jane Isaac [mailto:isaacmj7@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 5:13 PM
To: Kurt Eggebrecht <kurt.eggebrecht@appleton.org>
Subject: Appleton City Ban on Conversion Therapy

Hello Kurt,

I am writing you in regards to the Appleton City Ban on Conversion Therapy that is being considered by the Health Committee and will eventually be brought to a vote in the near future.

I would ask that you please consider an **exclusion** for Talk Therapy regarding the proposed ban on Conversion Therapy. This is both a parental rights issue and a free speech issue. These children need loving, compassionate counselling before they make any drastic decisions that they could regret the rest of their lives. This open ended ban of ALL Conversion Therapy would leave these children and their parents without any access to secular counselling that has been proven to be very effective at helping confused, innocent, vulnerable children from making decisions that could condemn them to a life of regret, shame, and deep depression if they are not adequately counselled with a loving, compassionate counselor.

There are some Conversion Therapy practices that should be banned (electro shock treatments, etc...), but this ban as it is currently written would ban even Talk Therapy, which is far too intrusive and far to reaching. At the very least I would ask that Talk Therapy would be **excluded** from the ban and those practices banned would be explicitly stated with proven evidence of harm. These types of bans should not be agenda driven but rather fact driven. Please read the

following article on such a painful decision and the regrets that followed by one of many young people as an example.

https://www.dailysignal.com/2019/11/17/1-year-after-sex-change-this-teen-regrets-his-frankenstein-hack-job/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=tds-fb

Thank you,

Mark J. Isaac